

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 54, 74 and 80 have been amended to correct a typographical error and to reflect an amendment to claim 54. Claim 54 has been amended to correct a grammatical error due to the amendment as entered by the Examiner in the interview of November 13, 2007, and was amended for purposes of form and not for purposes of patentability. Claims 74 and 80 are again presented as the Supplemental Amendment filed November 20, 2007 appears not to have been entered or reflected in the Notice of Allowance. The specification has been amended for improved form. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 33, 54, 64, 65, 65, 74, 76-78, 80, 82 and 83 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

It is further respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 54, 74 and 80 and the amendment to the specification do not involve a reopening of prosecution or a change of scope of the claims requiring additional search or consideration by the Examiner. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments are appropriate for approval and entry in an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. MPEP 714.16.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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